

I am very disturbed by this proposal, especially the way it adds unnecessary steps to stations which have otherwise served the public interest over numerous years. I listen to K-love, Air1, and FKYI Talk radio in Phoenix. Each of these stations have done exceptionally well at serving the public. To place these additional constraints on them would be disastrous. This cannot be allowed to be put through.

There is no reason to have a community board overseeing stations, especially since it gives that board power over every station in terms of programming, and message. The freedom of our society is that if I don't like something, I switch the station, or I turn it off. We are not a nation of blind sycophants, and that is the potential that opens up with this proposed change.

I also take issue with the proposal to force stations to have someone on premises at all times during broadcast. This has not been an issue for years, and does not affect the quality of programming or the effectiveness, it only serves to drive up costs, and has the potential to take the stations I enjoy off the air.

I also strongly oppose the potential of ending co-location agreements. The strength of our nation is to share and innovate to the betterment of all. This would force stations to open new locations, and add additional financial strain. All this does is force good stations off the air, and in the end put good stations out of business.

Most of all, I am in great opposition to the proposals requirement to report of how the programming affects a cross-section of the population. If I don't like a station, I don't listen! If that station is dependent on commercials, than you better believe they care about reaching as many as they can. If they operate on listener's support, the same is true. Don't put us in the position of having to sacrifice what the majority wants to listen too, just because a few may not like what is being played. Once again, nothing is being forced on anyone.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

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